FROM THE FIELD.

Johnstown, Pa.

The past week has been one of unusual interest to our brethren and sisters at this place, and indeed I enjoyed it as well as my congregation. On last Tuesday, brother S. H. Bashor, passing through from Dayton, Ohio, to Philadelphia, stopped over with us until Saturday morning, and without a doubt the time he was with us, was put to good use. On Tuesday evening he preached, on Wednesday evening he lectured to a very large and attentive audience on temperance, on Thursday evening he again preached, and on Friday morning went to East Conemaugh, and that evening we understand he again delivered a grand temperance lecture to a large audience.

On the Sabbath following, Bro. Bashor's departure, we were made glad with the presence of Bro. J. H. Knepper, of Berlin, Pa., who preached a very eloquent sermon on the 'Immortality of the Soul' at 10:30 o'clock a.m., and again in the evening at 4:30 an examination sermon was preached by him from this language, 'I do remember my faults this day,' after which we passed through one of the most pleasant love feasts that we have ever been permitted to enjoy. There were about one hundred and sixty communicants and all appeared to be impressed with the great solemnity of such occasions. The members all appear to be working in harmony with each other. This should be the case everywhere, for no good can be accomplished without a unity of members.

We are working hard at this place for the cause of Christ, and we have been already amply paid for our earnestness, but still the prospects for the future are exceedingly bright. Souls are still nearing the kingdom (the church) and ere long we expect to be able to report many more conversions. Brethren let us not be weary in well doing. Let us work for our church, our beloved Zion from this time on as we have never worked. There is nothing in the way to hinder us from making the Brethren church a bright and burning light in the world, to guide the wandering mariners which are out on the sea of sin to a heavenly port. Their vessels or bodies may be almost o'erwhelmed by the angry waves of sin, but the ship or the church of the 'gospel alone platfrom' may be a light that can pierce the densest fog and shine away all darkness that may intervene between them and heaven, and guide them in the way of truth and righteousness. Praise God for the truths of the gospel and plan of salvation by which we can be saved and saved in heaven.

J. B. RITTGERS.

Louisville, Ohio.

On Saturday the 11th, I went to Ankneytown. I preached said evening to an attentive congregation. Sunday morning before services we had one of the best Sunday Schools I ever attended. I was greatly surprised at the large attendance and the interest manifested. Bro. Isaac Leedy is our superintendent, and he seems to know how to push the work. We have a good chorister, good organist and first class singing. All seem to be interested in the school, and I believe it will be made a grand success. Immediately after morning services I took dinner with Bro. and sister Toms, and immediately after they conveyed me to North Liberty, where we convened at the water side and baptized two sisters who had made application a few weeks ago. We had consecration services said evening in the church. After prayer and the laying on of hands, while singing a hymn all the brethren and sisters received them, thus showing that we welcome them in the fold of Christ. After a short talk to the two new born children, I preached to a large attentive congregation from the important text: 'What must I do to be saved.' After services went back with Bro. Toms, and slept but a few hours, arose early and boarded the train at Ankneytown, I started for Louisville, Ohio, where I am now at Josiah Keim's, penning these lines. It took me one whole day to come from Ankneytown, a distance of not more than one hundred miles. I missed connections at two places. I came back by the way of Ashland, stepped off of the train, talked a few words with Bro. A. L. Garber, and looked toward home, when the conducter hallooed, 'all aboard,' I obeyed orders, the bell rang, whistle blowed, and the wheels rolled toward Louisville. The train being late I missed connections at Akron. After laying over more than three hours I boarded the train for Canton, and here I was left again. I was in time but the train would not stop, but went whizzing by and left me alone in wonderment and surprise. Knowing that something must be done, I inquired the distance to Louisville, they told me that it was only seven miles, I went to a livery and got a gentleman to convey me to Louisville. I arrived in good time for evening services, and the weather being inclement we had a small congregation last night. We hope, however, to have a larger one tonight.

Louisville is a progressive little town, situated in a progressive country, with a nice, cozy, progressive church in it, and a very progressive congregation, we hope also, by earnest prayer and hard work that we shall have a progressive revival. I cannot yet tell anything about the prospects as I have just arrived. We expect Bro. Keim home to day. He is elder of this congregation and will help to push along the work. He has been away for some time working for the interest of the College. If all of our brethren would take half as much interest in the College as he has, we could pay for it in one year. I will write again soon and tell you what we are doing.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Buckeye City, Ohio.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We drop you a few lines to let you know that every thing is moving along nicely. On Easter at our regular morning service, at the close of our sermon, a sister arose and requested to become a member of the Brethren church, and being one of those that were expelled for wearing a plain hat at the time we severed our connection with A. M. jurisdiction, we were glad to receive her.

On Easter evening we gave an entertainment by our Sunday School, which was pronounced a grand success.

On May 4th, Bro. J. A. Miller was with us again to fill his monthly appointments and to attend a business meeting at 2 o'clock p. m., after which we repaired to the stream where Bro. Miller baptized eight of those that came out at the revival, which makes eighteen baptized and seven more are to be yet. He preached on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening to full houses, and brother Charley Deffenbaugh came with him and rendered efficient service in prayer and song service, and by making himself very agreeable everywhere.

At our business meeting the brethren decided to hold a communion service on June 5th, but owing to the convention, we will have it on the 4th of June. There will be preaching on Friday evening, and continue each evening, and on Sunday morning until the communion to which we extend an invitation to all, and especially to our neighboring churches.

ISAAC ROSS.

May 16, 1889.

Akron, Ind.

I am still trying to hold forth the plan of salvation to the people of Indiana. I preached at the Highland church last Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at Rocklake school house. At the close of service I gave an invitation and two came out and made the good confession, and on Monday morning we met at Rocklake and buried them with Christ in baptism. This makes three added to the Highland church since our protracted effort last winter and still more to follow.

I have seven different points to preach at during this summer; two sermons each Sunday, and many other calls for preaching. We could find plenty of work for another minister right here amongst us.

At this writing I am hardly able to sit up. For the last two weeks I have been preaching and talking almost day and night, and have taken a deep cold which settled in my back and head. I am nearly deaf, yet I am willing to spend all my time and some money for the cause. What I get would hardly pay for the coffee and sugar that I and my wife use.

NOAH HEETER.

Topsail, Pa.

We are now located within a few hundred yards of the Highland meeting house and will be pleased to have our friends call and see us.

On Sunday May 5th, we entered on our duties as pastor of this church for my second year. Also we re-organized our Sabbath School. Bro. Yoder is our superintendent with brethren and sisters James B. Grabil, Belle Shidler, Sadie Hildebrand, Frank Garrett and Wm. Grabil under officers. Hope we may have a good school.

On Friday the 10th we were called upon to perform the last act the living can do for the dead, for a little boy of James and sister Wherry, who had died aged five months. We laid his little body away to rest.

Our communion meeting will be on Saturday evening, June 1, A general invitation is hereby extended and especially so to brethren and sisters of adjourning Brethren churches.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Maryland Endeavor.

The Branch Societies for Christian Endeavor of Maryland will hold a meeting at Funkstown on Monday, June 10. At that meeting, we expect to discuss mission work, woman's work, plans for raising money and the disposition to be made of the money remaining in the treasuries after remittances are made to the treasurers of General Board and State Board. As the half of the fees retained by each society is more than enough to meet the expenses, and as we don't want the money to be idle when it might be working for the Lord, we have decided to discuss the question and decide on the best way to invest it, so as to yield the richest returns. We look upon the money almost as sacred or consecrated money, and we dare not use it lightly. May God's blessing be upon the work.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

Mapleville, Md., May 17, '89.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. E. L. Yoder's letter has the spirit of 'ye olden times.'

Bro. J. H. Swihart visited Sidney and Goshen, Ind., last week.

Bro. J. H. Kurtz has a word to say about watches this week.

Bro. I. D. Bowman will attend Annual Meeting in Virginia, in June.

Bro. J. M. Tombaugh visited the Farmersville circuit, last Lord's Day.

It is reported that Bro. E. L. Hildebrand will visit Carleton, Neb., in June.

There is a young minister here at College, who will accept a call as pastor of a church.

The brethren at Alpena, Dakota, are considering the project of building a church.

Sister Lena Fisher, who spent the winter here at the College is now at her home in Indiana.

Bro. Isaac Ross must be happy now, with the work of the church moving along so successfully.

Sister M. M. Sterling has been engaged to write a poem for Decoration Day celebration at Masontown, Pa.

It is encouraging to see how the brethren in Philadelphia are working away. They deserve a great reward.

Sister Mary H. Snyder, Glover's Gap, W. Va., sends us her name as a friend of the College and $1.00. The thanks of the College are returned.

Bro. Josiah Keim is now at home and taking part in the meeting now being held by the Louisville, Ohio church. He expects to continue the canvass after the meeting.

The Brethren at the Grove church in Fayette Co., Pa., will hold communion services on Saturday evening, June 8th, 1889. The usual invitation is extended. —S. W. Wilt, pastor.

Sister Cornelia Snyder, of Almena, Mich., died last week. We have this information from her son who resides here in Ashland. She was the wife of Bro. H. H. Snyder, and her name is familiar to many of our readers.

On the 18th, the Sisters' Endeavor of Ashland met at the home of Sister Elmer Worst. The committee on program secured Bro. Kilhefner to give them an address. His speech was very appropriate and encouraging.

Bro. John Lichty donated a subscription to the EVANGELIST for the brethren at White Cloud, Kansas, We thank our brother in bahalf of our brethren at White Cloud.

GET SAVED.—Is the title of a leaflet we have printed for our own use in distributing as we go about among men. They will be sent to any address for 15 cents per hundred.

Married.--Miller-Pressler.—At the residence of the officiating minister, in Bryan, Ohio, May 14th, 1889, by Eld. A. M. Ridenour, Miss Cora Pressler to Mr. John B. Miller, all of Williams Co., Ohio.

Bro. Heeter is another example of great self-sacrifice. Brethren like him are the ones who have kept the church alive in these troublesome times. Modest, self-sacrificing, apt to teach, good-hearted and loyal.

Sister Grossnickle writes that the first circle is full, and has sent it in for publication, to show how it develops. It will appear next week. In the meantime, she is anxious that all who have received one of the printed letters will pass the work on to the next and keep the circles developing.

We have received many letters of encouragement the past week for which we are thankful. Yes, brethren our work is one of saving souls upon the terms of justification by faith and meritorious service in the name of the Lord Jesus, or in other words, of obedience to his commandments.

Elder S. P. Stevens is fast crowding the work of building the new church house at Beatrice, Nebraska, which when completed will be much to the credit of the members of that place. Besides Bro. Stevens deserves much credit for the manner in which he is conducting the work at that place.

Next week we will publish a sermon entitled 'A Blossom Plucked,' by Bro. J. Allen Miller. Several of the friends of the deceased child, were deaf and could not hear the sermon, and this will give them the privilege of knowing what was said. This sermon will entertain all, and be a joy to the parents and others who could not hear it.

Communion notice.—Please announce to the brethren and sisters through the columns of the EVANGELIST, that there will be a love feast held at the Falls City church, Richardson County, Nebraska, on Saturday evening, June 1st, 1889. The usual invitation is extended to all the sister congregations. Please come.—Lafe. Messler, Clerk.

Faith's Office.

Faith is truly a light in the soul, but it is a light which shines only upon duties, and not upon results or events.

It tells us what is now to be done, but it does not tell us what is to follow, and accordingly it guides us but a single step at a time; and when we take that step under the guidance of faith, we advance directly into a land of surrounding shadows and darkness.

Like the patriarch Abraham we go, not knowing whither we go, but only that God is with us. In man's darkness we nevertheless walk and live in Gods light, a way of living blessed and glorious, however mysterious it may be to human vision.—THOMAS C. UPHAM.

THE EVANGELIST will be sent to any address till Jan. 1st, 1890, for 75 cents. Make up a club in your church at once.